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RESPONSE

Dear Sir,

On July 8, 2002, applicant filed a response to the restriction requirement dated June 27, 2002, electing to prosecute Group I, claims 1-38. Applicant inadvertently omitted a response to the requirement to also elect a species for prosecution. The following is the response to the requirement to elect a species.

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The Examiner divided the embodiments into the following, requesting election of a single embodiment and identification of the claims corresponding to the embodiment.

Embodiment 1: Figs. 1-2  
Embodiment 2: Figs. 3-7  
Embodiment 3: Fig. 8  
Embodiment 4: Figs. 9-10  
Embodiment 5: Figs. 11-12  
Embodiment 6: Fig. 13  
Embodiment 7: Fig. 14  
Embodiment 8: Fig. 15  
Embodiment 9: Fig. 16  
Embodiment 10: Fig. 17  
Embodiment 11: Figs. 18

Applicant maintains that Figs. 1-10 describe a single species, for the following reasons:

1) Fig. 3 shows a cross-sectional view of a portion of Fig. 1 (see page 11 lines 9-10 of the specification) and therefore Figs. 1 and 3 represent the same embodiment. Further, claim 1 includes the limitations of a spiral-shaped signal path (Fig. 1), a second conductor over a substrate (Fig. 3) and a magnetic layer over the substrate (Fig. 3). Since a single claim cannot be divided into multiple species for separate prosecution, Figs. 1 and 3 are the same embodiment represented by claim 1. Claim 20 also includes the same three limitations, and therefore Figs. 1 and 3 are the same embodiment represented by claim 20.

2) Fig. 8 describes the process of fabricating the structure shown in Figs. 9 and 10, in the same way that Fig. 2 shows the process of fabricating the structure shown in Figs. 1 and 3-7. Therefore Figs. 8-10 represent the same embodiment.

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3) Fig. 8 is a generic embodiment of Fig. 2. A comparison of Figs. 2 and 8 shows that the few operations of Fig 8 are included within the many operations of Fig. 2

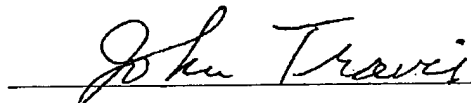
For the foregoing reasons, Applicant maintains that Figs. 1-10 represent a single species, and elects the species represented by Figs. 1-10. If the Examiner refuses to agree to this allocation of species, Applicants will elect the species represented by Figs. 1-7.

In either case, claim 1 (and claims 2-19 based on their dependency from claim 1) represent the elected species, while claim 20 (and claims 21-38 based on their dependency from claim 20) also represent the elected species.

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